

## CLAIMS

### WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

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1. A method for restricting wireless communication, comprising the steps of:  
storing a plurality of geographic characteristics in a wireless communications device;  
inputting a phone number into the wireless communications device;  
determining a particular geographic characteristic of the inputted phone number;  
comparing the determined geographic characteristic of the inputted phone number  
with each of the plurality of stored geographic characteristics; and  
placing a phone call to the inputted phone number if the determined geographic  
characteristic matches any of the plurality of stored geographic characteristics.

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15 2. The method according to claim 1, further comprising the step of:  
not placing the phone call to the inputted phone number if the determined geographic  
characteristic does not match any of the plurality of stored geographic characteristics.

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20 3. The method according to claim 1, further comprising the steps of:  
determining a position location; and  
using the position location to authorize the placing of the phone call.

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4. A method for restricting wireless communication, comprising the steps of:

storing a plurality of geographic characteristics in the wireless communications device;

inputting a phone number into a wireless communications device;

determining a particular geographic characteristic of the inputted phone number;

5 comparing the determined geographic characteristic of the inputted phone number

with each of the plurality of stored geographic characteristics; and

placing a phone call to the inputted phone number if the determined geographic characteristic does not match any of the plurality of stored geographic characteristics.

10 5. The method according to claim 3, further comprising the step of:

not placing the phone call to the inputted phone number if the determined geographic characteristic matches any of the plurality of stored geographic characteristics.

15 6. The method according to claim 4, further comprising the steps of:

determining a position location; and

using the position location to authorize the placing of the phone call.

20 7. A method for restricting wireless communication, comprising the steps of:

storing a plurality of authorized area codes in a wireless communications device;

inputting a phone number into the wireless communications device;

determining the particular area code of the inputted phone number; and

placing a phone call to the inputted phone number if the determined area code

matches any of the authorized area codes stored in the wireless communications device.

8. The method according to claim 5, further comprising the step of:  
not placing a phone call to the inputted phone number if the determined area code  
does not match any of the authorized area codes.

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9. The method according to claim 5, further comprising the step of:  
comparing the determined area code with each of the plurality of the authorized area  
codes stored in the wireless communications device.

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10. The method according to claim 7, further comprising the steps of:  
determining a position location; and  
using the position location to authorize the placing of the phone call.

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11. A system for restricting wireless communication, comprising:  
means for storing a plurality of geographic characteristics in a wireless  
communications device;

means for inputting a phone number into the wireless communications device;  
means for determining a particular geographic characteristic of the inputted phone  
number;

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means for comparing the determined geographic characteristic of the inputted phone  
number with each of the plurality of stored geographic characteristics; and  
means for placing a phone call to the inputted phone number if the determined  
geographic characteristic matches any of the plurality of stored geographic characteristics.

12. A wireless communications device, comprising:

means for storing a plurality of authorized area codes in the wireless communications device;

5 means for inputting a phone number into the wireless communications device;

means for determining the particular area code of the inputted phone number; and

means for placing a phone call to the inputted phone number if the determined area code matches any of the authorized area codes.